

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: _____

DEFINITION OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR SMI

For individuals with SMI, it is the continuous and aggressive implementation of an individualized plan of care that:

Is developed under and supervised by a physician in conjunction with an interdisciplinary team of qualified mental health professionals;

Prescribes specific therapies and activities for the treatment of individuals experiencing an acute episode of severe mental illness, which necessitates twenty-four (24) hour supervision by trained mental health personnel in an institution; and

Is directed toward diagnosing and reducing the individual's psychotic symptoms that necessitated institutionalization, improving his/her level of independent functioning and achieving a functioning level that permits reduction in the intensity of mental health services below the level of specialized services at the earliest possible time.

SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR MENTAL RETARDATION

For individuals with MR/DD it is a continuous treatment program which includes aggressive, consistent implementation of a program of specialized services and generic training, treatment, and health related services that is directed toward:

The acquisition of the behaviors necessary for the individual to function with as much self-determination and independence as possible;

The prevention or deceleration of regression or loss of current optimal functional status; and

Does not include services to maintain generally independent individuals who are able to function with little supervision or in the absence of a continuous specialized services program.

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